

Darren & Caryn Peachey graduated from BMS in 1984 & 83 respectively. Darren studied Agriculture at Hesston College for one year; Caryn pursued LPN training in Mifflin County; in 1986 they were married and began dairy farming which they did for 24 years while raising their 2 children and serving in church, at BMS and throughout the community in various ways. Caryn worked at Valley View for several years and continued to serve in various nursing roles that complemented their stages of life.

There was a point in those farming years when Darren & Caryn sensed that God might have something different for them and eventually felt that it was time to act on that calling. In 2010, after completing several years of training through Rosedale Bible College's Institute of Pastoral Studies, Darren accepted a pastoral position in Canton, PA where he & Caryn served for 10 years.

In recent years they felt called to move on and began working for the church conference, mentoring, and preparing others to lead and helping churches to rethink mission & vision. In 2021, Darren began serving as Conference Pastor for Rosedale Network of Churches, which basically means being a pastor to pastors.

As different as their personalities are, Darren & Caryn have appreciated learning how to embrace their gifts and the ways they can work together - being a team began with farming together and continues today with doing ministry together.

Although their role involves significant travel and sleeping in a different bed many nights, Darren & Caryn are thankful for the opportunities that it provides; they are able to meet all kinds of incredible people and appreciate the birds-eye view of seeing the many ways and places that God is leading and moving throughout the larger church. They were unable to be here with us this evening as they are leading a retreat for new pastors in Columbus, OH but it was an honor to meet with them a few weeks ago to present the 2023 Alumnus of Year award.

Darren & Caryn expressed appreciation for BMS and how their own student experiences have shaped them and are incredibly relevant to their current roles and laid the groundwork for how the Lord has led them and proven his faithfulness in every season. Darren recalled debates with classmates and learning how to engage with people from different backgrounds, and although sports were important to him, he missed the last two years of play because of injuries - instead he learned how to participate as a student coach, providing guidance and encouragement to his peers. Caryn fondly remembers teachers who instilled in her a love of reading, learning, and listening.

Reflecting on BMS today, they shared, "As our grandkids are growing up at BMS, we're thankful that BMS is there for them, but more importantly, we're thankful for the gospel focus that we see there. We appreciate the generational commitment of folks towards BMS and how it continues to speak truth into children, shaping the lives of the next generation."